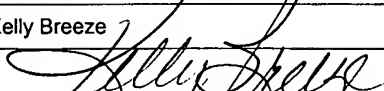


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

<h1 style="text-align: center;">TRANSMITTAL FORM</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</p>		Application Number	10/590,917
		Filing Date	August 25, 2006
		First Named Inventor	Simon Trevethick
		Group Art Unit	N/A
		Examiner Name	N/A
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	10	Attorney Docket Number	131279-1055

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) – Replacement Figs. 2, 5, 6 & 7 (4 sheets total) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Return Receipt Postcard Preliminary Amendment
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm Or Individual Name	Jason R. Fulmer, Registration Number 46,715		
Signature			
Date	October 20, 2006		
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service via Express Mail No. EL 612386424 US addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Typed or Printed Name	Kelly Breeze		
Signature		Date	October 20, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and selection option 2

131279-1055  
Customer Number 60148

PCT - PATENT

1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Simon Trevethick  
Application Serial No.: 10/590,917  
National Stage of Serial No.: PCT/IB2005/050709  
International Filing Date: 28 February 2005  
U.S. Filing Date: August 25, 2006  
For: BATTEN MOUNTING WATER MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM

**MAIL STOP: PCT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment to the above-referenced National Stage Application, which was filed prior to 30 months from the priority date, in compliance with 37 § C.F.R 1.495(b). Applicant's Preliminary Amendment comprises the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.